THE CRIMSON SKY.

W question still and look in vain, While all around the supplies say Auroral tints and colors plain Seem like a fire wave rolling high; And all a ound the western bills, As far as girt by land or see. The reddened flame with beauty fills

The far away immensity.

As far as circle's starry space, These rays of sunlight gifnt and glow, And give the sky a binshing face. Some angel from the uppersky, Perchance, has winged against the sun; Or fanned some star to possing by, To give the world a brighter dawn

All hail, sweet sky, and sapphire ses, All hall, bright, rosy blush of hoaven; Symbol of brighter days to be, The angel of light has given; O! in thy flight from sky to sky,

Still fan some shining stars for me; And then I'll know the reason why This dawn so fills immensity. Washington, Dec. 6, 1883.

COL. GUTRIPPAH ON SKATES. The Gentleman from Kentucky Sat Down

Upon at the Rink. Chicago Infer Ocean, "I'll go with you all, sab," said Col. Gut-

rippah. "I used to be a mighty fine skatah when I was a boy, sah," "I didn't know that they ever had skating

in Kentucky, colonel," said the reporter. 'That's whah you all is fooled, sah," replied the colonel. "We all down ouh way has just as good skating as you all up heah, sah, only it don't last so long, sah. They ice in Kaintucky, when it does come, sah, is hahdah, smoothah, and bettah in every condomned mannah, foh all uses, including skating and mint juleps, sah, than they common soht of ice you all has up heah, sah. Yes, sah, 'deed I will go with you all and show they general assohrtment of custed mechanics that will doubtless be present how they business is done in old Kaintucky, sah. Bet you all a hohn of Bach Grass against a second hand wooden toothpick that I drive everybody off they ice,

sah."

"But, colonel," said the reporter. "this is not ice skating. It's roller skating."

"Same thing, sah," replied the colonel, putting on his fur overcoat. "Any man who

can skate on ice can skate on rollers, sah."
The above conversation occurred between
Col. Gutrippah and the reporter at the Grand
Pacific hotel. The latter had stopped in to Pacific lotel. The latter had stopped in to thank Sam Parker for a standing invitation to dinner, and, finding the colonel somewhat at a loss for an evening's entertainment, had invited him to go to the roller skating rink, which the reporter was obliged to visit in the

Ine of his duties.

Arriving at the rink, the reporter's badge quickly gained admission and front seats for himself and friend.

"Foh they sweet love of Maud, sah!" ex-claimed the colonel. "Does you all do that everywah, sah?"
"Everywhere," said the roporter.
"Just flash and go in, sah?"
"Yes; but it won't pay restaurant bills nor

Just then a handsome couple came gliding

Just then a nandsome couple came gliding gracefully by on the smooth ashphalt, and the colonel, starting up, exclaimed:

"I can't stand that, sah. I must put on they skates myself, and show these people heah how we all do it in Kaintucky, sah." Remonstrances were unavailing, and the colonel disappeared in the skate room. Soon he emerged, stepping carefully along on the platform, and, holding on by the railing, he walked along to the flight of three steps that led to the field cavability descended.

partorn, and, hotting on by the raining, he walked along to the flight of three steps that led to the field, carefully descended them, and, gaining confidence, stepped boldly upon the polished surface. But his confidence was premature, for the minute his weight rested upon the gliding wheels they shot out from under him, and he sat down with such force as to stop his watch, and, to quote the negro song, it "Made his eyeballs jingle."

By this time hundreds of eyes were upon him, and encouraging cries reached his ears, which he took in good part and as complimentary to himself. He rose to his feet rather painfully, and with a forced smile removed his hat, but this destroyed his equilibrium, and down he came again. This time he was really hurt, and cast longing eyes toward the stairs, so near and yet so far. A couple of mischlevous young men came up, and lifted him to his feet. The colonel was profuse in his thanks and in declarations of his ability to skate well on ice. After cautioning him not to "dig in his After cautioning him not to "dig in his hoels," the young men skated with the colo-nel for a few strokes, then setting him well balanced they gave him a shove that bid fair to take him across the rink. The colonel kept his balance wonderfully well, and thereporter was beginning to hope he would reach the other side without accident, when an unexpected complication arose. A fat lady, weighing something like 250 pounds, came sailing along on an angle which must inevitably produce a collision. The lady was looking over her shoulder at a friend among the spectators, and waying her handlands. ing over her shoulder at a friend among the spectators, and waving her handkerchief, while the colonel was looking in the opposite direction. The result was annoying to both, painful to the colonel, and produced shrieks of laughter among the beholders. When the colonel became aware of the lady's close proximity he valuy tried to stop, and to do this he instinctively of the lady's close proximity he vainly tried to stop, and to do this he instinctively adopted the tactics of the old style ice skator—he dug in his heels. The consequence was that his feet shot out in front like catapulta, striking the lady's ankles, which naturally upset her. The colonel fell flat upon his back, while the lady, with a wild shriek of terror and despair, sat down with great force upon his abdomen. The breath was completely knocked out of the colonel, while the lady was too terrified, to know where she was, or even to move. A roar of laughter from the crowd shook the rafters, and the trombone player was so overcome as to full trembone player was so overcome as to fall off his chair, got inextricably mixed up with

off his chair, got inextricably mixed up with his instrument, and completely ruined it.

"For the sweet love of Maud, madame," said the colonel in a weak volce, "will you be kind enough to remove you all's weight from my prostrate fobm."

"E-e-c-c-!" shricked the lady, gathering herself with a recoil that hurt as bad as the first blow, and, rushing away to the ladiers' dressing room, she kicked off her skates and burst into tears.

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The colonel rose slowly and painfully to a sitting position, pulled down his vest, and straightened his collar. Then deliberately, and with an air of determination, he took off the skates and flung them with great force across the rink. Taking the reporter's arm he limped painfully out of the building and all in silonce to the door of the hotel. Then he had down and whiterest in the bent down and whispered in his com-

'I nevah thought, sah, that a woman could weigh as much as a hors.

FRED DOUGLASS.

A Reminiscence of the Days When Colored Men Were Bought and Sold. Mr. J. M. Buffum, in a late lecture at Lynn,

Mr. J. M. Buffum, in a late lecture at Lyan, Mass., narrated the following:

"About this time the mob was after Fred Douglass, and I told him he was not safe in New England, and on the sixteenth of August, 1845, Mr. Douglass and myself sailed in the steamship Cimbria for England. The captain would not allow Mr. Douglass in the first cabin, and so we were onliged to take the after cabin. When the Irish coast was reached the captain gave the first cabin passengers a complimentary dinner. After the dinner was over Capt. Judkins came to me and said some of the yassengers desired to hear Douglass speak. Mr. Douglass compiled, and as soon as he began to spook there was great excitement, and cries of 'Throw him overboard.' 'kill him,' and other threats were made. The crowd became so beisterous that Capt. Judkins came on deck and said that he (Douglass) must stop as he (the captain) wanted to speak. The captain said that he had made it pleasant for the passengers all the way over, and that some of the passengers wanted to hear Douglass speak, and he should speak. Then said the captain: Give it to them, Douglass, like bricks.' After listening a few minutes a little man from Connecticut spoke up and said that he would be one of six to throw Douglass overboard. A big Irishman spoke up and said that he would be one of six to throw Douglass overboard. A big Irishman spoke up and said: 'You will throw him everboard, will you?' Did it ever occur to you that you might go over yourself? Douglass has as many friends as you have.' Capt. blass,, narrated the following:

Jackins told the boutswain to go down below and get the irons, and said he would put them all in irons if they made any more dis-turbance. Upon reaching the wharf the cap-tain was bunded a card from one of the pa-sengers challenging him to fight a duel." LOST NOTES.

The Reason Why Gen. Toombs Has Not Written a History of His Times.

Atlanta Constitution. temperate in speech and auggestion. I remarked that he would leave less personal aid

marked that he would leave less personal aid to the historian than perhaps any American who had figured so prominently.

"I have nothing," he replied, "but the formal reprint of my speeches in the Congressional Globe. Prior to the war I had been very diligent in arranging my speeches and in writing full notes and comments on all I had done. It was my purpose to retire from the seenance at the end of my term, and devote several years to writing a history of my times." He mentioned an English book, the name of which escapes me, the general plan of which he now intended to follow. "My notes were very full and I had great pleasure in writing. My only difficulty was that my thoughts always outcan my fingers."

"Why did you abandon your purpose?"

"Because the Yankees robbed me of my papers. They were taken to Washington, and though I soughtand obtained the services of Gen. Grant in the attents to recover them.

and though I sought and obtained the services of Gen. Grant in the attenue to recover them, I could never find them. I had some very valuable correspondence with diplomates and philosophors of Europe. I was an enthusiastic student of political economy, and carried on volumineus correspondence with Eastiat, the great Frenchman. He wrote me perhaps the last elaborate letter of his life, in which he outlined the plan of the great work that his death left unfinished. But not a fragment could I ever recover of the papers in which . hnd spont years of earnest labor. So I shall leave little record of my life, save such as has been fixed in official routine."

My Grandfather's Hen.

Lenswon Journal. It was a cold night in November, forty years ago, when my grandfather was doing some work in the barn. He accidentally scared a hen that was at roost near by, and she flew into a corner. My grandfather thought no more about her till the next day, when the hen was missed, but no search was made for her and she was forgotten. The next August my grandfather wanted a bucket which was in the barn. It had no bottom in it. He went to the barn to get it. It was full of ice, and great was his asionishment to see a hen's leg protruding from it. He took the bucket into the house and thawed out the ice, when, great Cesar' he discovered the leg belonged to the hen that had been missing since November. The hen was alive and well with the exception of the exposed leg. It had been frozen, as it was the only part of the hen exposed to the weather. The hen still lives to show the frozen foot, which was cut off because it was of no service to her. Probably the bucket was full of water when the hen fell into it, and as she was unable to get out was frozen in. This is true in every particular. My grandfather was noted for his veracity. when the hen was missed, but no search was

TURF CLIPPINGS.

Mr. J. I. Case thinks Jay-Eye-See is good for 2:08 next season, barring accidents. He also thinks Phallas has not reached his limit. A significant item regarding the success of prominent English lockeys is the late sale by Sir John Astley of Heath Villa, Newmarket, to Charles Wood, the lockey, for \$17,500.

Mr. Milton Young will train in the M'Grathiana stable for 1881 for Messrs. Clay & Woodford, Admiral, imp. brown colt, foaled 1881 by Votiette out of Regatta, and the bay colt Trollope, foaled 1881, by Billet out of Leon.

Cope Stenson, of Brantford, Ont., has in training a roan stallion foaled 1880 that can pace a 2:20 clip. He is by Little Billy (Moni-tor), dam the McLaughlin mare; also a bay colt, two years old, full brother to Amber, 2:251, a most promising one.

John T. McGowan, Montgomery county, Kentucky, has purchased the bay stallion Magic, by American Clay, dam Lualaba, by Berkley's Edwin Forrest, granddam by Grey Eagle, for \$707.30. Magic is the sire of Clem-mie G., 2:17: Mystery, 2:24); Keno, 2:23, and Post Boy, 2:23.

Iroquois will be trained for 1884, and his detractors will then have to eat their words. He will, if luck is with him, be a great deal better horse. His feet have grown, it is said, and if there was room for that, then, indeed, he was a good one to run so well under difficulties.—New York Sportsman.

The American horse, Wallenstein, has retired to the stud in England, and will make tired to the stud in England, and will make the season, along with Hampton and Sir Fred-crick, at Sketchworth park, near Nowmarket. In this country Walleustein was a very smart 2-year-old, so much so that Mr. Lorillard gave \$9,000 for him and sent him to England, where he ran with considerable success. He was a horse of rare finish, but a trifle light for a lengthy one. Besides, he never liked his "peacocky" uphendedness, he being a bit of a "star gazor," and from this we inferred bis dislike for a distance. His Manchester cup, however, has long since caused us to forcup, however, has long since caused us to for-give him, and we feel that he will prove a valuable cross on English mares.—Spirit of the

There are now 160 horses on the ground at New Orleans, and probably a score or so more will arrive before the end of January. Nearly all are in active training. Among the few turned out are Apollo and Mediator, belonging to Green Morris. These have been blistered. They will probably not be taken up before March or April. Of the others in the Morris string, Fellowplay looks well, and the same could be said of Slocum, until a few days ago, when he took a cold, and has been coughing since. Morris's petr, however, are the trio of Ten Brock yearlings, purchased from F. B. Harper, last fall. They are among the finest looking youngsters ever seen, and, if appearances go for anything, ought to make wonderful race horses. There are now 160 horses on the ground at wonderful race horses.

The Kentucky Live Stock Record thus speaks of the Kentucky Derby candidates: "There are a number of high-bred youngsters not bracketed as winners the past season who bracketed as winners the past season who should show good forms next year. We bear good accounts of Banquet, Neophyte, Trollope, Voyazer, and a few others. Somehow we have taken a fancy for Bob Cook growing into a Borby horse with proper innulling, as he reminds us greatly of his sire, who did not show so well as his son at the same age. Banquet is a big, grand-looking coit, and from his sine had a light training the past season, and some think he will show high form as a 3-year old. It is very seldom that extremely large and overgrown horses turn extremely large and overgrown horses turn out to be great racehorses. The smaller horses often with time develog into great racehorses, and Luke Blackburn, Brambie, and some others are marked examples.



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